

Reminder

Seattle For-Hire Vehicle License Cap

Ordinance No. 119872, signed by the Mayor on March 15, 2000, amended the Seattle Municipal Code to establish a limit the on the number of Seattle for-hire vehicle licenses.

SMC 6.310.500 Taxicabs -- Maximum number.

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B. The number of for-hire vehicle licenses in effect at any one (1) time shall not exceed two hundred (200).

Once the 200th Seattle for-hire vehicle license has been issued, no more for-hire vehicle licenses will be issued. All Seattle for-hire vehicle licenses are issued on a *first-come-first-served* basis as explained below.

SEATTLE FOR-HIRE VEHICLE LICENSE PROCESS

The steps for obtaining an initial Seattle for-hire vehicle license are as follows:

- (1) Submit complete and correct for-hire vehicle license application documents required by SMC 6.310.300 [e.g., For-Hire Vehicle License Application, Insurance Binder, Vehicle Registration, Security Camera Installation Report/Test Image, CNG Fuel System Inspection Report (if applicable), Safety Inspection (by ASE-certified technician), Seattle Business License, LLC Certificate/Application/Annual Report (if applicable), Rate Tables/Maps, etc.]; then
- (2) Pay all applicable fees: Seattle for-hire vehicle annual license fee (\$600), King County for-hire vehicle annual license fee (\$450), Seattle Business License (\$90), etc.; then
- (3) Pass entire for-hire vehicle safety inspection at Test Station, located at 805 South Dearborn Street, as required by Seattle Rule R-6.310.320.G including CNG fuel system inspection (if applicable), security camera system test/inspection; then the Seattle for-hire vehicle license decal is affixed by the city inspector to the upper center portion of the windshield of the new Seattle for-hire vehicle.

If you have completed steps (1) and (2) above but the 200th Seattle for-hire vehicle license is issued before you complete step (3) then no Seattle for-hire vehicle license will be issued. However, King County for-hire vehicle licenses will be available because their Code (KCC 6.64) does not have any cap on the number of active King County for-hire vehicle licenses.

Even if you have been assigned a for-hire vehicle number by the Consumer Affairs Unit, you are not guaranteed to be issued a Seattle for-hire vehicle license.

If you have any questions, please contact the Consumer Affairs Unit (Test Station), 805 South Dearborn Street, Seattle, WA 98134 (206) 386-1298 associationreports@seattle.gov. Seattle for-hire vehicle license information packages are available for pick up at the Test Station.